

Avoiding Sentence Fragments

A. Directions: Some of the following items are fragments. If an item is a complete sentence, write *S* on the line. If not, correct the fragment by rewriting it as a sentence.

1. Pine cones are natural weather forecasters because their scales open out in dry air and close up in humid air.

2. can help predict the weather.

3. When the scales of a pinecone close up, rain is likely.

4. because the scales of pine cones open out in dry weather.

5. When the air is humid, pine cone scales

B. Directions: There are four sentence fragments in the paragraph. Read the paragraph. Rewrite each idea as a complete sentence. If the sentence is already complete, write *S* on the line.

Seaweed is one of the best natural weather forecasters. Shrivels and is dry to the touch in fine weather. With approaching rain, however. Seaweed swells and becomes damp. Wool much the same as seaweed. If rain is on the way. Wool swells and becomes straight. If the humidity is low, though, wool shrinks and looks curly.

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